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HUNTERS TOTAL ALMOST TWELVE MILLION IN FORTY-SIX STATES

A total of 11,924,033 hunters in 46 States purchased one or more licenses to hunt during 1959, the Department of the Interior reported today.

This is a slight decline of 2.2% from the number of hunters in the same States during 1958. It will be noted that on the attached table complete information from four States, where hunting is a major sport, is not available.

Hunters in 50 States spent a total of \$57,811,191.76 for hunting licenses, stamps, tags and permits required by State fish and game departments to legally pursue and kill game. During 1958 hunters spent \$53,607,667.64 for the same purposes. Expenditures for 1959 exceeded those for 1958 by \$4,203,524.

Examination of certified data for 1959 indicates that the number of persons buying one or more licenses to hunt varies from year to year. The number of licenses sold is influenced by weather conditions, the relative abundance of game and other factors. The attached table shows the number of paid hunting license holders as certified by 46 State fish and game departments for 1959.

Some State fish and game departments require sportsmen to purchase separate licenses, stamps, permits or tags for hunting different kinds of game as well as for hunting in different areas. Other States issue only one hunting license which is good for all legal game hunting. Thus, the total number of licenses sold is not an accurate reflection of the number of hunters.

Information on the number of fishermen will be available in the near future.

The tabulation of license holders, licenses sold and gross revenues is attached.

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SUMMARY OF THE NUMBER OF PAID HUNTING LICENSE HOLDERS,
LICENSE SALES AND THE COST TO HUNTERS
FISCAL YEAR 1959

State	Paid Hunting License Holders <u>1/</u>	Total Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued <u>2/</u>	Gross Cost to Hunters
Alabama	306,087	306,087	\$ 681,103.00
Alaska	29,899	30,954	66,298.88
Arizona	105,030	212,579	623,057.00
Arkansas	224,803	225,081	734,585.15
California	608,111	1,272,155	3,641,187.82
Colorado	<u>3/</u>	327,917	2,673,542.00
Connecticut	54,593	55,136	201,659.87
Delaware	24,068	24,104	60,898.75
Florida	161,162	197,918	988,117.50
Georgia	227,873	238,612	533,058.50
Hawaii	5,222	5,222	26,345.00
Idaho	190,135	385,001	916,322.00
Illinois	507,737	552,986	1,938,027.00
Indiana	596,331	604,175	813,155.25
Iowa	361,197	363,235	822,468.08
Kansas	229,547	334,313	572,874.05
Kentucky	271,916	283,569	990,748.75
Louisiana	275,622	275,622	301,954.15
Maine	177,229	177,389	1,030,632.63
Maryland	165,507	165,507	640,234.75
Massachusetts	126,414	126,414	397,636.18
Michigan	<u>3/</u>	1,204,894	5,015,201.00
Minnesota	<u>3/</u>	594,274	1,796,000.03
Mississippi	202,575	202,895	485,369.13
Missouri	353,935	405,957	1,487,403.65
Montana	194,153	319,862	1,175,834.50
Nebraska	172,832	323,466	724,714.00
Nevada	37,811	72,661	597,850.00
New Hampshire	88,136	93,172	594,985.50
New Jersey	173,040	195,190	813,799.15
New Mexico	100,563	110,559	722,574.75
New York	700,010	1,048,772	2,632,216.00
North Carolina	386,654	425,740	1,096,076.20
North Dakota	87,873	111,703	450,903.00
Ohio	687,344	739,213	1,147,329.00
Oklahoma	208,211	230,980	524,256.00
Oregon	288,317	567,278	1,646,818.25
Pennsylvania	987,044	1,409,052	4,369,249.95
Rhode Island	11,036	12,085	38,181.63
South Carolina	167,189	167,189	499,392.15
South Dakota	196,328	196,328	1,220,041.00
Tennessee	418,683	491,301	867,090.00
Texas	450,669	451,851	1,472,350.00
Utah	176,410	215,004	1,423,207.13
Vermont	102,919	106,971	465,131.75
Virginia	415,273	610,985	1,049,009.25
Washington	286,514	540,343	1,992,243.38
West Virginia	272,424	327,881	701,007.05
Wisconsin	<u>3/</u>	729,804	2,904,782.00
Wyoming	109,607	123,953	1,244,270.00
Totals	11,924,033	18,193,339	\$57,811,191.76

1/ A paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses purchased.
Data certified by State fish and game departments.

2/ Period covered not identical to period covered by certification for all States.

3/ Data not available.

Compiled from information furnished by State fish and game departments.